P. V. Panels; and (ii) Modernisation of Ferro Chrome Plant of IDCOL for OECF loan assistance from Japan. Necessary clearances/recommendations are still awaited for these two projects.

Tubewell Irrigation

2524. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) what was the targetted land to be covered under tubewell irrigation in different States in the country during the Seventh Five Year Plan period;

(b) what is the actual coverage of land under tubewell irrigation during the same period; and

(c) what steps would be taken to cover the shortfall, if any, under the tubewell irrigation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) to (c) Separate target for area to be covered under tubewell irrigation is not fixed. For creation of groundwater irrigation potential including tubewells, a target of 7.1 million hectares has been fixed for the VII Plan period against which during the period 1985—88, the estimated achievement is about 3.9 m.h.a. Statewise details are given in Statement (See below) It is expected to achieve the targets fixed with vigorous efforts during the last two years of the Plan period.

Statement

Minor Irrigation Potential Created—Ground Water during 7th Plan.

Unit '000' ha.

Sl. No.	Name of State/ UT	Target 7th Plan	Achievement (estimated) 1985-88)
1	2	3	4
1.	Andhra Pradesh.	360	132.6
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	0.5	—
3.	Assam	75	48.3
4.	Bihar	900	452.0
5.	Goa	1.0	0.13
6.	Gujarat	260	34.80
7.	Haryana	100	59.00
8.	Himachal Pradesh	2	1.30
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	1	0.50
10.	Karnataka	77	62.30
11.	Kerala	40	31.90
12.	Madhya Pradesh	466	130.40
13.	Maharashtra	265	86.00
14.	Manipur	0.5	0.10
15.	Meghalaya	2.0	0.10
16.	Mizoram	—	—
17.	Nagaland	0.5	0.50
18.	Orissa	432	47.70
19.	Punjab	260	54.70
20.	Rajasthan	150	97.00
21.	Sikkim	—	—
22.	Tamilnadu	70	41.80
23.	Tripura	5	2.90
24.	Uttar Pradesh	3465	2507
25.	West Bengal	150	129.4
	TOTAL STATES :	7075.5	3920.43
	TOTAL UTs :	2.18	3.11
	ALL INDIA TOTAL:	7077.68	3923.54

Issue of bonds by Public Sector

2525. SHRI N. E. BALARAM:
SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have allowed any public sector enterprises/

corporations to raise extra-budgetory resources by issuing bonds with tax-free status;

(b) if so, what are the details of such enterprises or corporations and the total amount involved in the issuance of such bonds by each such unit; and

(c) what is expected loss of tax-revenue on this account?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) The following public sector enterprises have been allowed to issue tax free Bonds during 1988-89 (till 20th February, 1989):—

(Rs. in crores)

Name of the Enterprises	Amount
National Thermal Power Corpn. Ltd.	150.00
Power Finance Corpn. Ltd.	650.00
Neyveli Lignite Corpn. Ltd.	160.00
Housing Urban Development Corpn. Ltd.	80.00
Nuclear Power Corpn. Ltd.	100.00
Rural Electrification Corpn. Ltd.	152.00
Indian Railway Finance Corpn.	600.00
Rural Electrification Corpn. Ltd.	120.00
	2012.00

(c) It is not realistic to calculate any tax loss as that would imply that such bonds could have been issued successfully without any tax benefits.

Remedial measures for sick units

2526. SHRI N. E. BALARAM:
SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Governor of the Reserve Bank of India has been directed to convene a meeting of bankers and small scale sick units in order to ascertain the causes and extent of sickness and to draw up remedial measures; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) The Reserve Bank of India had convened a meeting on 28-1-1989 for discussions between bankers and borrowers on problems of small scale industrial units including sick units in the State of Maharashtra. The discussions covered, inter-alia, the nature of assistance required by sick units from financing partners. It was also underlined that periodic discussions of this nature involving representatives of banks, State Finance Corporations and owners of sick units would substantially helps to sort out the problems faced by the sick units.

Development of backward areas

2527. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:
SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the term lending by development financial institutions for projects in backward areas has sharply come down in 1987-88; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) Sanctions of assis-